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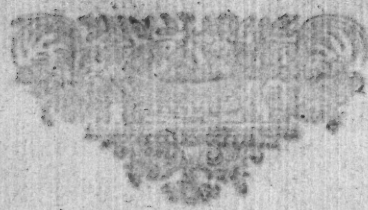
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To the Worthy Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of Westminster.

Gentlemen,

HIS Majesty having been graciously pleased to appoint me one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, by which my Seat in Parliament is vacated; and the Shortness of Time not permitting me to apply personally to you, I take this Method of entreating your Votes and Interest to be re-elected your Representative in Parliament; which will ever be acknowledged by,

Gentlemen,

Your obliged humble Servant,

TRENTHAM.

To the Worthy Electors of the City and Liberty of Westminster.

AT a Meeting of a great Number of the principal Inhabitants and Electors of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, at the *Crown and Anchor* Tavern, it was unanimously agreed to propose *George Cooke, Esq;* to be a Candidate at the ensuing Election of a Representative in Parliament, for the said City and Liberty, in the room of the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount *Trentham*, who hath accepted the Office of one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*; your Votes and Interest are therefore desired for the said *George Cooke, Esq;* accordingly.

Westminster, Nov. 19, 1749.

Nov. 20, 1749.

THE Worthy Electors of the City and Liberty of *Westminster* are desired to meet this Day at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, at the *Sun* Tavern in *King-Street*, to approve of a proper Person to represent the said City and Liberty in Parliament on this present Vacancy.

*To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.**Gentlemen and Fellow-Citizens,*

BEING unanimously approved of at a large Meeting of the worthy Electors of this City, as a Candidate to represent them in Parliament, in the room of Lord *Trentham*, whose Seat is become vacant, I humbly beg the Favour of all your Votes and Interest, assuring you, I shall always discharge my Trust with Fidelity to you and to the Laws and Liberties of England. I return you my hearty Thanks for your uncommon Zeal and Appearance for me this Morning, and am,

*Gentlemen,**Your most obliged and most obedient humble Servant,**Grosvenor-street,**Nov. 22, 1749.**GEO. VANDEPUT.*

The Poll is adjourned to *Friday Morning* at Nine o'Clock; at which Time Sir *George* desires the Favour of his Friends to meet him at *Covent-Garden*.

And whereas a malicious Report has been spread, that Sir *George Vandeput* will decline the Election, he does assure his Friends he is determined to support it to the last.

His Friends are desired to meet at the *Sun Tavern* in *King-street, Westminster*, by Six o'Clock this Evening.

A List of the Nobility, Gentry, &c. who poll'd on *Wednesday Morning*.

*For Sir George Vandeput.**George Clarges, Esq;**John Shuttleworth, Esq;**Edward Kynaston, Esq;**Lord Egmont,**Sir John Cust, Bart.**John Conyers,**William Northy,**Ch. Soleirol,**George Cooke, Esq;**John Davis.**For Lord Trentham.**Sir Hugh Smithson,**Thomas Salisbury,**Horatio Townsend,**George Payne, Esq;**Francis Vernon, Esq;**Francis Hutchinson,**William Sharp,**John Duvernol,**Francis Reynolds,**Thomas Lediard, Esq;**To*

To the Worthy Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of Westminster.

Gentlemen,

YOUR Vote, Interest, and Poll (if needful) are desired for

P E T E R W O O D,

To be your Representative in Parliament, having on every Occasion distinguished himself for the *Service* and *Pleasure* of the Public in General, and of this City in Particular.

He hopes he has lately made it manifest to the Whole World his particular Love of *Justice*; which must recommend him to every *HONEST Man*.

N. B. Mr. *WOOD* desires the Worthy Electors to excuse his not making his Personal Application, *A late Affair hindering him from it*; but hopes they will take Notice, That he was no Way concern'd in the Vindication of the *FRENCH STROLLERS*.

To the worthy Electors of Westminster,

Gentlemen,

UPON my Return to Town this Day, I was greatly surprized to find my Letter of *Sunday* last had not been communicated to the General Meeting at the Sun Tavern, Yesterday Morning. After the infinite Obligations I am under for the very great Honour done me by so considerable a Number as appeared at the Crown and Anchor on *Friday* last, I must be thought the most ungrateful of all Men, not to have made my Acknowledgments, and express'd the just Sense I had of so extraordinary a Mark of their Good-will towards me. I have therefore taken the Freedom to make my Apology in this Manner, and at the same Time communicate to you the Letter itself, which was sent from my House in the Country on *Sunday* Morning last, by Eleven o'Clock, and was delivered to one of the Gentlemen of the Committee before Four that same Day: I have not seen the Gentlemen since, but I dare say, their great Zeal to serve me was the only Reason why it was not produced, in hopes from their second Message. I should have been there in Person. Who am,

Gentlemen,

Lincoln's Inn-Fields,

Your most faithful and most obliged humble Servant,

Thursday, Nov. 21, 1749.

GEORGE COOKE.

Mr. Cooke's Answer to the Gentlemen of the Committee from the Meeting at the Crown and Anchor.

GENTLEMEN,

Harefield, Nov. 19. 1749.

I Am very sorry that I was not at home when you did me the Favour to call at my House. I am highly obliged to the Gentlemen who composed the Meeting on *Friday* last at the *Crown and Anchor*, and think myself greatly honoured by the unanimous Approbation of so considerable a Body of worthy Electors.

I most sincerely wish my Situation would allow me to accept so generous an Invitation, and support their Choice with a Spirit becoming the Confidence placed in me: But as the Time is so short, and several of my Friends in the Country are averse to my engaging in this, I hope the Gentlemen will turn their Thoughts to some Person more worthy their Attention, and more capable of serving them. I rely on you, Gentlemen, to express my Thanks in a suitable Manner, and to beg their Excuse for not answering the Message sooner, being desirous to give it all the Consideration and Deference possible. Who am, with the truest Regard,

GENTLEMEN,

Your very faithful and obliged humble Servant,

GEORGE COOKE.

To the Worthy (not regarding the Unworthy) B——s, E——s, Inhabitants, and others, of the City and Liberties of Westminster, These are,

YOUR Votes and Interest are desired, expected, and earnestly entreated, by Capt. *Hercules Vinegar*, against all Candidates, to represent you in Parliament, who practice the infamous manner of puffing, and soliciting for their Seats in Parliament, by Advertisements and News Puffs, after the Manner and Mode of the celebrated Doctor R—k. If you ask some old Latin School-master he will explain the Meaning of *Ambire Magistratum*: And how infamous the Romans held it, and how opposite to our Laws and Constitution it is, wherein Freedom of Election is so guarded with useful Statutes.

N. B. Speedily will be published a very diverting Epistle from a Man in the Moon, to *London* and *Westminster*. The Convention of the Estates of the Moon, are ordered for *December 25*.

Likewise soon will be delivered to the Subscribers, the new Essay upon Speeches, printed at *Grand Cairo*, and translated from the old *Egyptian* Lingua into the modern, and most accurate *French*, as it is now spoken at the Court in the *Haymarket*.

To


To the Worthy INHABITANTS of the City and Liberty of WESTMINSTER.

GENTLEMEN,

HIS Majesty having been graciously pleased to appoint me *One of the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral*, by which my Seat in Parliament is Vacated, and the Shortness of Time not permitting me to apply Personally to you; I take this method of Intreating your Votes and Interest to be Re-elected your Representative in Parliament, which will ever be Acknowledged, by

GENTLEMEN, *Your Obligated Humble Servant,*

TRENTHAM.

 *The Election comes on To-morrow Friday the 24th Inst. at Covent-Garden, at Nine o'Clock in the Morning.*

Whereas it has been maliciously reported, in order to impose upon the worthy Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of Westminster, and to prejudice me in their Opinion at this Time, that I was active in the Disturbance at the French Play-House last Tuesday Seven-night: I do declare, upon my Honour, that I was neither in the Pit nor Gallery where the Disturbance happened, during the Time of the Performance, nor drew my Sword, nor made use of any Weapon either to strike or terrify any of the Spectators, nor was I even present at the first and chief Disturbance, nor have I been at any Representation at that Play-House, since the first Night of the Performance, as has been falsely suggested.

Grosvenor-street, November 23, 1749.

TRENTHAM.

*PEG T — M's Invitation to the Two Shilling VOTERS
of Westminster.*

*To shew how much our Northern Tastes refine,
Imported Nymphs our Peereſſes outſhine,
While Tradeſmen ſtarve theſe Philomels are gay,
For generous Lords had rather give than Pay.*

YOUNG.

S I R,
WAS it not evident to every one, that Folly ſeems more and more proportionate to the Temper of my Countrymen, I ſhould have been ſurpriz'd at the Encouragement given to the Vagrants of a Nation, remarkable for their Fopperies over all *Europe*: But how much greater muſt be the Surprize of every thinking Perſon, when he hears the chief Encouragers of theſe Strollers are no leſs than the Descendants of thoſe worthy Patriots, whoſe Nobility was their leaſt Claim to Honour, aſſiſted by cockaded Fribbles, whom we maintained during the late War, at an infinite Expence, to keep the *French* out, not to bring 'em in.

Should it be told in a diſtant Country, or a diſtant Day, when the Inconſiſtencies of our Petit-Maitre Generation are forgotten, that there was an Iſland, abounding in all Conveniencies for War or Commerce, well inſtructed in Arts and Sciences, beloved by Heaven, envied by the whole World: whoſe Glory was Liberty, and whoſe Security its Situation; and yet notwithſtanding theſe multiplied Advantages, that the Inhabitants of it were ſo addicted to Luxury and Extravagance as to hazard Honour, Health, Fortune, Fame, and Liberty, in the Purſuit of them; that having humbled their Enemies, and ſet Bounds to the Ambition of their Neighbours, inſtead of rooting out Folly where they came, encouraged the Growth of it; nay, tranſplanted it to their own Country: Sure the Relation muſt be treated as a Romance, and an Abſurdity too groſs to be received! But alas! we have the too melancholy Proofs of a parallel Conduct at Home; and tho' we have but juſt recovered from the Inconveniencies of a War with a powerful Enemy, are daily importing the very Scum of their Country to entertain us, at the Expence of our Underſtanding at Home, and our Reputation Abroad.

In a Word, had our Fathers foreſeen ſo ſhameful a Degeneracy in their Poſterity, and known that their Sons, tho' poſſeſſed of the moſt elegant Performances in their own Language, heighten'd by the well-judged Voice and Actions of their own Countrymen, would nevertheless have preferred the miſerable Performances of *French* Valets, Barbers, and Skip-Kennels, they would, at the Cloſe of Life, repented of the unwearied Endeavours they were at to eſtabliſh our Liberty, and to make our Name a Terror to *France*, and honourable thro' the whole Earth.

A. B.

The

The *French* Strollers Bit ; or, A Vote for PEG T-----M.

1. **Y**E pert Buffoons of *France*,
 Who hither come to dance,
 Pimp and betray,
 Pack up your Awls again,
 Such Stuff won't entertain,
 O! 'tis against the Grain,
 Troop, troop away.

What tho' they storm and swear,
 You shall continue here,
 And call you *dear Monsieur*,
 Troop, troop away.

4. To do this foolish Job,
 Peg T-----m heads the Mob,
 Very fine Show,
 That such who ought to be,
 Stanch for our Liberty,
 Strives for our Slavery,
 Troop, troop away.

5. O! may our heavenly Lord,
 Join them in one *A Cord*,
 Is *Britons* Prayer,
 That they in Unity,
 May altogether be,
 J—k K—h mayn't lose his Fee,
 We'll sing dare, dare.

To the Generous Electors of WESTMINSTER.

GENTLEMEN,

I Went Yesterday to the Polling-place, in order to give my Vote for Sir *George Vandeput*, but was interrupted by a great Number of *ill-looking Scoundrels*, who were arm'd with Bludgeons and other offensive Weapons; as I found it impossible to get to the Steps without running the Hazard of being knock'd o' th' Head, I went round to the back Door of the Church, being told Numbers of Persons were let in that way to Poll for Lord T-----m. When I came to the Church Door, I found a certain Noble Lord, who was in the Interest of Sir *George*, knocking for Admittance but could get none, tho' several Persons were let in just before to poll for the opposite Party. This, and many more Instances of the like kind, serves to shew the Partiality there is shewn on this Occasion.

An ELECTOR.

Speedily the Publick will be entertain'd with the *Travels of Peg Trim Trams* *Sur-loin of Beef*, that was kick'd and cuff'd from House to House for a long time, without being able to get Admittance any where.

And this Day the Ghost of *Penlez* is to come and give his Vote for Sir *George Vandeput*, attended by the principal Inhabitants of *St. Clements*.

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Ten

Ten **QUERIES** submitted to every sober, honest, and disinterested
Elector for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*.

I. **QUERY.** **W**HO IS SIR GEORGE VANDEPUT?

II. Whether every Person who voted for Lord *Trentham* at the last Election, and should now reject him, and give his Vote for Sir *George Vandeput*, without knowing who or what the Person is for whom he votes, can reconcile such a Conduct to his own Understanding, without imputing some Crime to the noble Lord?

III. Whether the noble Lord's having appeared one Night at a *French* Comedy, is any Crime at all: Much less a Crime which deserves so severe a Punishment as to be rejected by this great City and Liberty; especially in favour of a Candidate very little known to the Electors, a Circumstance which must greatly aggravate the Disgrace, and which must cast some Imputation of Guilt on the noble Lord's Character?

IV. Whether it is not plain, from what Quarter this Opposition arises; namely, from those Enemies to the present Government who watch every Occasion to embroil the public Peace; to sow the Seeds of Discontent and Disaffection; to inflame the Minds of the People, and to blow up the yet warm Coals of Sedition and Rebellion in this Kingdom?

V. Whether any Thing baser was ever attempted, than to misrepresent a quiet Spectator in a Playhouse, as one who joined in a Riot, drew his Sword, and assailed and wounded a naked Man?

VI. Whether there are not at present, as is universally known, a great Number of Jesuits and other Popish Priests scatter'd about this Town in various Disguises? And whether the spreading such wicked Falshoods as there is not an Art which smells very strong, of jesuitical Craft and Policy.

VII. Whether it is possible to devise a greater Affront to the Understandings of the Electors of *Westminster*, than to expect that such a simple Matter as the real naked Fact is, could inflame the Minds of a sensible, a sober, and a good-natur'd People; and could induce them to offer so cruel an Affront to the Person and Character of a young *truly English* Nobleman, of the highest Quality and Fortune, and of the most unblemished Honour?

VIII. Whether every Man of common Honesty will not detest the Falshood contained in the fifth *Query*? Whether every Man of common Sense will not suspect the Fraud mentioned in the sixth? And whether every Elector of common Spirit will not resent the Affront offered in the seventh?

IX. Whether every worthy Elector, who hath no particular Connection with Sir *George Vandeput*, will not give his Vote for my Lord *Trentham*?

Last **QUERY.** Whether in that Case, the *Englishman* with the *Dutch* Name, can procure an hundred Voices in this populous City?

Nov. 25, 1749.

PLAIN TRUTHS, in Answer to false ASPERSIONS,
Contained in Ten Queries Yesterday.

Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT,

IS Descended from an ancient and wealthy Family of the *Netherlands*, who, about *Two Hundred Years* ago, were obliged to leave their Country for their steady Support of the Protestant Religion, against *Popery* and *Arbitrary Power*; and, at the Beginning of the Reign of *Queen Elizabeth*, took Refuge in *England*, bringing with them a considerable Fortune.

SIR PETER VANDEPUT, Grandfather to the Present *Sir GEORGE*, was Sheriff of *London* in the Reign of King *James the Second*.—His Memory will be for ever Dear to All *True Lovers of Liberty*, for the Firm and Glorious Stand He then made in *Support* of our Constitution against the Tyrannical Schemes of a *POPISH* and *FRENCH FACTION*.

The Present *Sir GEORGE* is a Gentleman who never deviated from the Principles of his Ancestors.

As to the Fourth Query——Ask Lord *T——m*, who had his *Foot in the Stirrup* in the Year 1715?

N. B. The Friends of *Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT* are desired to meet at the Fountain-Tavern in Catherine-Street in the Strand, after the Poll is over.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

GENTLEMEN, YOUR Votes and Interest are desired for

Sir George Vandeputt, Bart.

A True Lover of the Laws and Liberties of *England*.

Quære 1. Whether, upon your late Representative's Resignation of the Trust you had reposed in him, he ought not to have taken the Opinion of a *general Meeting*, if thought a proper Person for your future Confidence?

2. Whether his nominating himself a Candidate without such Opinion, does not imply a sovereign Sufficiency in himself, as well as Contempt of his Electors?

3. Whether, from this Behaviour, it may not fairly be infer'd; that he thinks, *the Admiral* can command, what *the Lord* formerly condescended to *solicit*?

4. Whether a PLACE is such an Ingredient in a Member of Parliament, as is likely to render him of more constitutional Service to his Country or Constituents?

5. Whether, by the Suddenness of the Election, it was not intended (according to some political Practices) to smuggle a Member upon this City.

6. Whether, if a Representative thinks proper to vacate his Seat without *Your* Consent, it may not be prudent to fill it up again without *His*.

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*To the Worthy INHABITANTS of the City and
Liberty of WESTMINSTER.*

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GENTLEMEN, *Your Obliged Humble Servant,*

Nov. 24th, 1749.

TRENTHAM.

 *The Election continues at Covent-Garden this, and the following Days, till the
Poll is closed, and to begin each Day at Nine o'Clock in the Morning.*

*Whereas it has been maliciously reported, in order to impose upon the worthy Inhabitants of
the City and Liberty of Westminster, and to prejudice me in their Opinion at this Time, that
I was active in the Disturbance at the French Play-House last Tuesday Seven-night : I do
declare, upon my Honour, that I was neither in the Pit nor Gallery where the Disturbance
Rappened, during the Time of the Performance, nor drew my Sword, nor made use of any
Weapon either to strike or terrify any of the Spectators, nor was I even present at the first
and chief Disturbance, nor have I been at any Representation at that Play-House, since the first
Night of the Performance, as has been falsely suggested.*

Grosvenor-street, November 27, 1749.

TRENTHAM.

*To the Worthy Electors of Westminster, who are in the
Interest of*

Sir George Vandeput.

GENTLEMEN,

YOU are invited, on the Days of Polling, during the whole Election, to meet some particular Friends of Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT, at the *Gross-Keys and Rummer Tavern in Henrietta-Street, Covent-Garden*, to drink a Bumper to the following Health, and then to proceed immediately to the Poll ;

‘ Health and Happiness to His Majesty King GEORGE, his
‘ Royal Highness the Prince of WALES, and to all the Royal Fa-
‘ mily,—wishing Success to Sir *George Vandeput* and his present
‘ Election.

Henrietta-Street,
November 27, 1749.

By Order of the Committee.

N. B. *Several Constables (the most proper, if not the only Guard that ought to be procured upon this Occasion) have voluntarily offered to defend the Electors from all outrageous Insults.*

To

To the *Worthy* ELECTORS of Westminster.

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR VOTES and INTEREST are desired for

The Right Hon^{ble} Lord Viscount Trentham,

A R E A L *Englishman.*

Quære I. **W**HETHER it is to be conceived, that after Lord *Trentham* had pawned his Honour that he was in no Shape concerned in the Riot at the *French* Play-house, any of the Electors can still continue to believe the vile Aspersions thrown out against him?

II. Whether the PERSON, who proposed to the worthy Electors Sir *George Vandeput* for a Candidate, was not himself at the *French* Play-house on the first Night of the Representation, and was not a Witness (as he has confessed himself to Persons of Credit) that Lord *Trentham* was NO WAY concerned in the Riot?

III. Whether a PERSON of immediate FOREIGN Extraction can be reasonably supposed by the worthy Inhabitants of *Westminster*, to be a proper Guardian of the Laws and Liberties of *England*, than the Noble Lord who now offers himself for your Representative, and whom you have heretofore honoured with that Trust?

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

GENTLEMEN,

BEING unanimously approved of at a very large Meeting of the Worthy Electors of *Westminster*, as a Candidate to represent them in Parliament, in the Room of Lord *Trentham*, whose Seat is become Vacant; I beg the Favour of your Votes and Interest, assuring you I shall always discharge my Trust with Fidelity to you, and to the Laws and Liberties of *England*.

Nov. 22, 1749.

N. B. The Election comes on this Morning, at the usual Place in *Covent-Garden*.

GEO. VANDEPUT.

Gentlemen are desired to take Notice that this is no Party Affair; we are One and All, for our King, Country, and an Honest Representative.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

Nov. 22, 1749.

GENTLEMEN,

INSTEAD of the CHAMPION of, and SUBSCRIBER to the *French Strollers*, Your Votes and Interest are desired for

Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT, *Bart.*

An ENGLISHMAN.

Who was Nominated to Represent You in Parliament with the unanimous Approbation of a Great Number of the Principal Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, at their last General Meeting at the SUN TAVERN in *Westminster* for that Purpose; he being a Gentleman every Way Qualified for so Important a Trust; a Zealous Assertor of the BRITISH LIBERTIES, and a LOVER of his Country.

N. B. The Election begins this Day at Nine o'Clock in *Covent-Garden*.

To

An ACROSTICK.

V oice unbrib'd, a free-born Voice
 A lways fix'd *Old England's* Choice ;
 N ow the Case is alter'd quite,
 D READ perverts the People's Right :
 E very petty Fool dependant
 P olls for Bread, in Hopes to mend on't.
 U nite; disband your *Strolling L--d*,
 T hen give his p--j--'d Friends a CORD.



I F great Numbers of People from the Parishes
 of St. *John's* and St. *Margaret's*, paying no
 more than Four Pounds a Year Rent, have been ad-
 mitted to Poll at this Election,

Surely the Inhabitants of other Parishes have an
 equal Right to Poll for Sir G E O R G E as those for
 Lord 7-----m.

To the Worthy Electors of *Westminster*.*Gentlemen,*

NOtwithstanding a *particular Influence* appeared so conspicuous Yesterday ; —that all the Public Offices were raked for Votes ; that the Hustings (contrary to Custom) were filled with the Voters on one Side, who were smuggled thro' the Church ; —that there was a Mob, armed with Bludgeons, hired to interrupt the Freedom of Election, the Captain of which, with nineteen of his Brickstreet Bruisers, were sent to the Roundhouse : —Yet, upon casting up the Poll, there was only the inconsiderable Majority of 184, altho', at the closing the Books, more than 400 from one Parish only were ready to vote for Sir GEORGE V———T.

All this considered, the Friends of that Gentleman cannot but have the most sanguine Hopes of a successful Issue, which Unanimity and Perseverance must certainly accomplish.

N. B. The Poll for *Wager* and *Sundon*, in 1741, stood on the first Day thus, 921; for the other Candidates only 400.

Every Honest Man's Wish :

No Bribery, no Cursed Bribery ;

Liberty, Liberty, Liberty,

Sir G E O R G E for ever.

Huzza,

Huzza,

Huzza.

o the Worthy Electors of W-----r.

GENTLEMEN,

I AM so unfashionable as to think a faithful and able Discharge of a *past Trust*, is the best Recommendation, as well as Security for a *future One*.— This Principle, you must imagine, would certainly have bias'd me in Favour of our late noble Representative, whose *juvenile Judgment*,—*Family Independence*,—and *unutterable Elocution*,—have so eminently distinguish'd him upon all Occasions, where the particular Interests of his Constituents, or general Welfare of his Country, have demanded his Assistance. But however his *extraordinary* Virtues and Talents might have engaged me, a late Affair, I must confess, has somewhat abated my Zeal in his Service;— for, being the other Evening at the *French Theatre*, who should I see at the Head of a Mob of foreign Valets, Cooks, &c. signalizing himself, in a *laudable* Attack upon his *fellow Citizens*, but this *very young Man*, whom they had so lately made Choice of, as the *Defender* of their *Rights and Privileges*.— I was indeed amazed to see (at so critical a Conjunction) that S—— which had hitherto kept peaceful Possession of its S—bb—d, brandishing over the Heads of *several of his own Electors*; and that, in Support of a Parcel of foreign Vagabonds, who, from their being a Nuisance in their own Nation, are now come to be the Disgrace of ours.—— Certain I am, this Fit of *gallic* Valour could never be communicated by the Touch of that R——l *British* Hand, he had but that very Morning kiss'd for his Employment. Perhaps, an impatient Desire to prove himself qualified for the *warlike* Board, to which he was appointed, might induce him to seize the first Opportunity of displaying his Prowess; being willing to convince the Public, that how deficient soever the *Sea* may have been, the *Land* is, at least, able to produce a **FIGHTING ADMIRAL**:— However, I cannot help concluding him, a very unfit Person to defend me *against the French in one House*, who is ready to cut my Throat for them in *Another*.

I am,

Pall-Mall.

Gentlemen,

Yours,

An ELECTOR.

N. B. I should have address'd my Brother Electors through the usual Channel of the Public Papers; but, upon Application, found them *pre-engag'd*.

To the Unprejudiced Electors of Westminster.

GENTLEMEN,

I CANNOT but think, that a faithful and honest Discharge of a past Trust is the best Recommendation for future Confidence: And though this Principle would certainly have swayed me in Favour of a late Noble Representative, whose Behaviour in Parliament has, on all Occasions, been truly unexceptionable, yet has my Zeal for his Service been considerably heightened by the Necessity there is of opposing his Antagonist, and preventing, by that Means, the Progress of Jacobitism and Popery. For whatever Sir G—e's Principles might have been, before his appearing at the Head of the Independents, (or Persons independent of the Religion or Laws of their Country, if Independency, in this Case, means any thing) there is now but too much Reason to suspect him of a thorough Change: For what are the Independents, the Principles they profess, or the Motives by which they act; a small Share of Discernment will enable you to discover the too recent Behaviour of their Leaders at *Vintners-Hall*, the Earnestness with which they opposed all Subscriptions or Levies for suppressing the late Rebellion; their suspected Correspondencies, and the indecent Healths so often proposed, and so publicly drank in their Meetings and Assemblies, leave you no room to doubt these Gentlemen are the Persons, who, under the Mask of Friendship, and under Cover of great Zeal for their Country's Welfare, would artfully avail themselves of your Suffrages, and by your own precipitated Assistance would procure your own Undoing: And if these Things are so (of which let every Elector solemnly and candidly judge for himself, laying aside all personal Prejudice, or Favour) What have we been doing, and how grossly have we imposed upon Ourselves? though if we are satisfied, that the Leaders of the Independents mean and desire to protect the Protestant Religion, and the present Establishment; if we are satisfied that they have not, nor ever had any Intention of introducing Arbitrary Power, or a Family long since expelled for Designs destructive to our Religion and Liberty; or if we are so Insensible as not to be moved with these Dangers, or when near at Hand to be convinced of their Reality, let us One and All Vote for Sir G—e; but till then, and till the Independents have convinced us that they are Friends to, and zealous Supporters of the Religion and Liberties of their Country, under the present happy Establishment; Let us heartily, cheerfully, and unanimously concur for his Lordship, as the more proper Person to represent this great City in Parliament, notwithstanding all that Spirited Envy, or Wanton Malice have done to lessen his Character, or defame his Reputation.

I am, GENTLEMEN,
An ELECTOR, &c.

Aux Electeurs tres Dignes de West.

MESSIEURS,

VOS Suffrages et Interests sont desirés pour Le Tres Hon. mi Lord
T — — — M un *VERITABLE* Anglois.

N. B. Los prie ses Amis de ses rendre l'*Hotel Francois* dans l'*Marche*
au Foin.

To the van ELECTORS van Westminster.

MYNHEERS,

YOUR Companyck is desyr'd to Day to eat van Pickel Herring, at de Sign
van *AMBOYNA*, and to gif your Vote for Mynheer *Vandergut*, against
de *Engelisch* Start, in *Common Garden*.

Ilk shall standen by you in de van Parlement, as his Countrimen did in de
Flandres.

No *Engelisch*----- *HOLLAND FOR EVER*.

At the White Rose, the Corner of Pope's-Head-Alley,

This DAY, will be perform'd,

A New, Diverting, Tragi-Comical FARCE, call'd,

The F U N E R A L of Mother *Independency*.

Chief Mourner, Mr. J-----S.

And all the other Parts to the best Advantage.

Giving an Account how she was reduc'd to a starving Condition, by supporting
and sheltering *Papists* and *Jacobites*; and at last, when she was brought so low
that she could serve them no longer, how she was murder'd by her ungrateful
Sons, the Independent Electors of *Westminster*.

To begin precisely at Three o'Clock.

Vivat Rex.

N. B. *ROPE-DANCING* afterwards.

QUERIES addressed to the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

QUERY I. **W**Hether the *Affertion* that Lord *Trentham* headed the Riot, and the *Affidavit*, that he hired the Mob for the *French* Players, have not been, or may not be, proved, the one to be *False*, and the other *Forg'd*, upon as full Evidence as ever sent a Criminal in a Court of Justice to the Pillory or the Gallows?

II. Whether such *Falshoods* and *Forgeries* are not Arts too infamous for a wise Man to direct, an honest Man to avow, or an Englishman to practise?

III. Whether such *Affidavit* Mongers, after Conviction, do not insult your Understanding, by continuing to court your Favour?

IV. Whether any Objection now lies against Lord *Trentham*'s being your Representative, excepting that of his being appointed a Lord of the Admiralty?

V. Whether in this Nation, the Business of the House of Commons can be done, unless the Lords of the Admiralty sit in that House to assist and inform it in all Inquiries relating to the Operations, Oeconomy, and Government of the Fleet?

VI. Whether the most limited Place Bill brought into Parliament, ever attempted to disqualify the Lords of the Admiralty from being re-elected into the House of Commons?

VII. Will you then be persuaded to do what the Violence and Virulence, far less the Zeal and Wisdom, of former Oppositions, never attempted?

VIII. If Lord *Trentham* should succeed in his Election, do his Circumstances in Life lay him under any Temptation of betraying a Country in which he has so large a Property, or of being ungrateful to Constituents who have laid him under so great Obligations?

L-d

L--d Trim Tram for ever, Huzza, Huzza, Huzza.

ALL Those of the Antient and Sable Society of Chimney-sweepers, and of the Order of the Budget, as well as the Gentlemen of the Brush, Horse Guards, Foot Guards, and Black Guards, who have not voted above Five Times at this Election, are desired to meet To-morrow Morning at the Gully Hole, near the Admiralty Office, to Breakfast, where Ox Cheek, dress'd *Ala Mode a Paris*, and a large Quantity of Soup Meagre, will be provided for their Entertainment; after which every one will be treated with a Glas of Strip-me-naked, and then they are to proceed to the Place of Polling, under the Conduct of the redoubted Mr. B--sw--ll, preceded by the Music from the French Theatre. All Those who have neither Shoes or Stockings, are desired to poll without, the Time being too short to provide a sufficient Number.

N. B. It having been given out that Mr. B--sw--ll, who was taken into Custody last Friday, is not yet discharg'd, this is to assure the Public, that the same is calculated to prejudice his L——p; for he declares, *Upon his Honour*, it is false, scandalous, and malicious, Mr. B--sw--ll being bailed out; and such others as were then taken up, are still kept in a Place of Security, commonly called a Round House, adjoining to the Place of Polling, to be let loose upon the first Emergency.

Whoever happens to be taken into Custody for riotous Behaviour, Mr. *Justice Trotplaid* attends to prevent any Commitment!

From de little Theatre in Marche au foin!

Monsieur,

THOU I write you, I must tell you, I am not Fool, for what is Fool? in French it is *Unfot*, in English a *Sot*; now I am not Sot, therefore no Fool; but I believe you ver great one, great enough to dislike me, and de pretty Lord T——m. I am commanded by de Company to write you Letter, in doing which, tho' as I said above I am not Fool, yet, to confess one Secret, I am ver great Coward: For you must know here is de *Skeleton of Common Sense*, which de

Beaux

Beaux kill de Night de draw de Sword on de Stage, and I am in Dévelish Sweat. — If you have ever see my Friend and Acquaintance, Monsieur Laluze, act de Pierrot in de Harlequin Skeleton, you may have some Thought of my Situation. — Stop one Moment---ah! now 'tis well, I have shut him up, and so now I think no more of it. — To begin den—first I speak of myself, which perhaps you may not think agreeable to de *French Paletessée*; but if it is ill Manners I learn it in England. — Pray Monsieur la Fool what is de Objection you have to me, — don't you like de French Comedie? --- I have hear say from Monsieur *De Voltaire* in de Green Room in Paris, dat it is much better dan your English Play; — for, says he, shaking his Head wit ver much Thought, De French Comedie — ah! 'tis ver much Sense, — it has de Biefseance, — it is writ up to de Rule — never but one Character at a Time, — not like de English, full of a great many at a Time, on purpose to make Laugh, with great deal of Nonsense, which one ***** a meer Buffoon, and not serious Man, like me, would call Variety of Humour. — G—d D—n de *Skeleton* — what you stare? — ah! it is not stir—it is the Business I am to do make me frighten — to go on — can you answer Mr. *De Voltaire*? No, no, besides, you scold, you fight on de Stage, you *Draw de Sword on de Stage*, which we do not do in France, upon my Honour: And let me tell you, de French Player have more Honour in his little Finger dan de *English Lord*, and if he give his Honour you may believe him. Are we not better Actor dan you have? Sans doute, it is plain; for what is dat big Man, Mr. Guin, I tink de call? it is like mad Bull, ball and roar, and make Noise, a *gros Milord Anglois*. And dat other Man, Mr. *Garlick*, what is it but hop-my-thumb, a little Flash, and noting else; and as for *Barry*, de Frenchman always like here, better dan de Irish. What de Devil, you come again, I shake all over. G—d d—n it for *Common Sense*, I tink no more of it; well, Monsieur, I tink it is plain I am best Actor; and if I get Money, and grow fat among you, I pay you for it with your own Coin, so dat I am sure you must like me; and if you like me, you like Lord T—m for defend me. And let me tell you Milord T—m 'tis ver pretty Gentleman; 'tis true he not speak de French ver vell, but he speak it better dan English, which is fine to see in young Man, and good Accomplishment for Member of Parliament. I am sure it would be so in France, and what is your English Parliament more? It does no more, it gives de K—g, or de Two Brothers, 'tis all de same, their own Way, as much as de do in Paris; besides, now I have remove all Prejudice against me, he is Sub— for me, and ver good Friend in the *Disturbance*. I not say he draw de Sword in de Parteru or in de Gallerie, but it would do you Heart good, upon my Honour, to see him on de Stage in de *First and Chief Disturbance*, how he stand in threatning Posture! Sa, Sa, says he, and Sa, Sa, and den push, and den to de

Tradesman

Tradesman, What you meddle in Plays? Bourgeoise Gentilhomme! Sa, Sa, den make Lunge, and drive all before. Encore, he never be present since dat Night, for what is present? let us talk Sense, it is to be in de loge, and, *upon my Honour*, he was only in de Green Room to say des Belles chous to de Ladies, who are all ver fond of him, he's so much Lady *himself*. Now, Monsieur, I insist you must let him sit in de P——t, and if you don't 'tis use me ill. I remember when I was in de Camp vit M——l S——e you English was ver *civil* den, not *disturb him nor me*, and why should you do it now? I wish you had begin before de *Hostage* come home, de would be in de *Bastile* for dis; and I can tell you, if you not behave better, de War break out again, and de *grand Monarche* make you love me, and Milord T——m. O de Devil, here 'tis again. De Skeleton: It pull my Hair: No, 'tis only Louse. O! morbleau! here, here, Milord, Milord, under my Legs, come *draw your Sword*, no-body see, *we say upon our Honour* you did not. Ah! 'tis gone again! it say I am not worth his-While; but I am so fear I can write no more, only just to say, Milord give Gallerie Ticket to all des Two S——g Voter, and I am in great Haste to run away.

Monsieur,

Votre tus humble Servant,

JOAN SOUP MIGREAL

November 28.

A most excellent Sermon was preached on Sunday last in the Forenoon, at St. James's Church, on the third Commandment, by the Right Rev. Father in God the Lord Bishop of Oxford, in which his Lordship fully explained the Danger and Sin of taking an Oath rashly or inconsiderately, and exhorted his Congregation, whenever the Exigency of Affairs called on them to take a publick Oath, that they should weigh it well, and consider whether any Thing contained therein did not either from Interest and Influence, or otherwise, render the taking such an Oath, under some such Circumstances, contrary to the Dictates of their Consciences at that Time, and greatly to the Hazard of their Souls in the World to come. A most noble Admonition, and worthy that great and good Man, especially at this critical Juncture.

ELECTORS OATH.

I *A. B.* do swear (or being one of the People called Quakers, *I A. B.* do solemnly affirm) I have not received or had by myself, or any Person whatsoever in Trust for me, or for my Use and Benefit, directly or indirectly, any Sum or Sums of Money, Office, Place or Employment, Gift or Reward, or any Promise or Security for any Money, Office, Employment or Gift, in order to give my Vote at this Election; and that I have not before been polled at this Election.

Quere, Whether any Person through Fear, or Hopes of future Employment, can take the above Oath?

WHEREAS there has been handed about a pretended Affidavit of one *William Davison*, to the following Effect, *viz.*

William Davison of the Parish of *St. Lawrence*, in the City of *London*, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent, on the Seventeenth Day of *November* Inst. being the second Night of the *French Strollers* acting at the Theatre in the *Hay-Market*, was at the Sign of the *Globe*, a publick House opposite the *King's-Arms Tavern* in *Pall-Mall*, about Nine of the Clock that Night, where this Deponent saw *John Haines*, one of the Waiters at the said Tavern, and several other Persons, to the Number of sixteen, dress'd like Chairmen, each of whom had a great Bludgeon in his Hand which he put under his Coat, in order to hide the same, but in such a Manner as this Deponent was capable of seeing the said Bludgeons: And this Deponent enquiring the Occasion thereof, was informed by several Persons of Credit at the said House that they and others, to the Number of thirty, were hired by Lord *Trentbam* to protect the *French Strollers* from any Attempt that might be made to prevent their acting, and that the said *Haines* paid them Five Shillings each for their Trouble, by the Directions of the said Lord *Trentbam* and others. And this Deponent further saith, That the said *John Haines*, and the said several other Persons dress'd like Chairmen as aforesaid, went into a Room together at the said House, and some Disputes arising between them and the said *Haines* whether a List of their Names had been given to Lord *Trentbam*,

Trentham, the said *Haines* declared that he had wrote all their Names down and given the same to Lord *Trentham*, who would employ them again, and bid them go about their Business for that Time.

Sworn the 24th Day of November 1749, at the Publick Office in Symond's-Inn, before me JOHN WAPLE.

WILLIAM DAVISON.

I do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Guineas to any Person or Persons who will produce the original Affidavit (if any such has been made) and the said *William Davison*.

TRENTHAM.

Grosvenor-street, Nov. 26, 1749.

Middlesex, *John Haines*, of the Parish of St. James, Westminster, maketh to wit, Oath and faith, That he, this Deponent, never had any Conversation directly or indirectly with Lord *Trentham* relating to the French Players, nor did the said Lord *Trentham* dine at the *King's Arms* in Pall-Mall on the Seventeenth Day of November Instant, nor did this Deponent see the said Lord *Trentham* on that Day, nor for several Days before, to the best of this Deponent's Remembrance and Belief. And this Deponent farther saith, That he never made use of the said Lord *Trentham's* Name in any Conversation at the *Globe* Alehouse in Pall-Mall, on the said Seventeenth Day of November Instant, neither to *William Davison*, nor any one else; and, to the best of this Deponent's Belief and Recollection, he did not speak to the said *Davison*; but is perfectly sure Lord *Trentham's* Name was never mentioned. And this Deponent further saith, That the said Lord *Trentham*, as this Deponent is well assured; was not in the least privy to this Deponent's going to the Little Theatre in the Hay-Market on the said Seventeenth of November with several Persons, as mentioned in the Affidavit, or pretended Affidavit, of *William Davison*, nor had the said Lord *Trentham* any Knowledge thereof, or Concern therein. And this Deponent further says, That every Word concerning the said Lord *Trentham*, contained in the said Affidavit, or pretended Affidavit, of the said *Davison*, is false, scandalous and malicious.

Sworn the 26th Day of November, 1749, before me H. Fielding.

JOHN HAINES.

*A PLAIN ANSWER to the most material of the
 QUERIES last published in Favour of Lord
 T-----.*

WHAT may be proved is not easy to be known : But a tolerable Guess may be made, from what has been already published in Lord T----- Favour.

And First, his own Answer, as to the Accusation of his Heading the Riot in the Play-house, is notoriously evasive ; and though he has been told so over and over again, he has neither mended his own Defence, nor brought one Person to vouch the Truth of it.

As to *Haines's* Affidavit, it must be observed, That *Davison* has sworn to his being told, by several Persons of Credit, that Lord T----- had hired a Mob, &c. — And whether they did tell him so or not *Haines* cannot possibly know — And yet an hard-mouth'd — can boldly swear Point Blank, That every Word contained in *Davison's* Affidavit, concerning Lord T-----, is false, scandalous, and malicious.

After this what Credit can be given to any Thing he swears ? Or who stands clearest from the Charge of Perjury ? — The Man who hired a Mob to support *French* Strollers, is fit to swear for those who employed him.

After all, if Lord T----- is really innocent of this last Charge, why does he not make an Affidavit of his Innocence ? No Man knows the Bottom of this Affair so well as he ; and therefore no Man is so proper to clear it up. This he has not done. Not One Word of his own IS offered in his justification : And will not the impartial World conclude, That he has not one Word to offer ?

To

To the ANTI-GALLICANS.

GENTLEMEN,

YOU have now an Opportunity of doing your Country a considerable Piece of Service; and you are, from the Nature of your Society, peculiarly called upon to it: All Eyes are fixed on you; and we hope you will not be contented with refusing to drink Claret, and wear French Lace, while the French are endeavouring to gain a Settlement in your Capitol. You cannot, I presume, be ignorant, Gentlemen, with what Insolence our Countrymen, who in 1719, made a like Attempt at Paris, were treated by that Bully Nation. I hope, what the boasted Politeness of the French would never permit, the honest free Spirit of the English will never submit to; and you, Gentlemen, particularly must be sensible how much we are already infected with French Manners, and how much farther the Infection is like to spread by the Establishment of a French Company among us. You are very numerous, and have the Hearts, and may, on Occasion, have the Hands too of the People with you; therefore exert yourselves, and you will crush, in their Infancy, this Brood of Vipers in the Bosom of your Country. Dare, and the Spirit of those English Heroes, the Conquerors of France, who still live on our Stage, inspire you.

*Yours, &c.**To my Lord T-----.*

THE K---g of *France* (my most glorious Monarch) being touch'd with a lively Sense of the Obligations he owes your Lordship, for the powerful Protection you have given to his Subjects in *England*, honours you with his Thanks, and commands me to assure you, that your L-----p shall be *Chief Manager* of his *Play-House* in *England*, as soon as your L-----p and your Friends, have brought those insolent Rascals, the *E---*, under his Dominion, being satisfied the Measures your L-----p and Friends now pursue, can't fail of your desired Success. I have the Honour to be

*Your Lordship's most obliged
humble Servant,*

*M-----**N. B. Translated from the Original French.*

Vanderporten for Ever.

BRYAN RAPAWAY maketh Oath, that upon all the Days when the *French Stranglers* play'd, he saw Lord *Trentrum* with a Blunder-buss in his Pocket, and says that he saw the said Lord *Trentrum* either in the Pit or Gallery, but which it was he cannot say as yet; and says that he was told by one *John Johnson*, that Lord *Trentrum* declared upon the Monday, that he had been the Tuesday following at the *French Play-house*, and there had eat some *Soup-Meagre* with the *French Stranglers*, and says that he saw Lord *Trentrum* throw a large Dish of the said *Soup Meagre* in the Face of one *Thomas Vandergut*, an Englishman, and a great Lover of the Laws and Liberties of his Country; and says that he is credibly informed, and verily believes, that the said Lord *Trentrum* has sent over to the King of *France* for a Party of the *Swiss Guards* to protect the *French Stranglers*; and farther says that he was last Sunday at the *French Embassador's Chappel*, and there saw Lord *Trentrum* at Mash in Company with three or four of the *French Stranglers*; and farther says that he intends to swear something else Tomorrow, but cannot as yet, being very hoarse by hallowing for *Vander-porte* at the ensuing Election.

BRYAN RAPAWAY.

Sworn at the Fleet, near 3 Coney-walk, Lambeth, before me, the 32d Day of Nov. 1749.

PAUL BLACKHEAD;

N. B. If any Person can devise any scandalous Lie against my Lord *Trentham*, he may meet with Encouragement, by applying to the Independent Electors at the Sign of the Fox and Goose, in the Strand.

Note. Swearing will be insisted on.

It is expected, that my Lord T——'s Friends should behave themselves very quietly at the Election; but the Mob on the other Side are desired to be as riotous and disorderly as they can.

N. B. Our Friends the *Jacobites* are desired for this once to swallow the Health of King *GEORGE*, if possible; since they will make full Amends by Voting on the Right Side.

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To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

GENTLEMEN,

OUT of the Abundance of the Heart, the Mouth Speaketh; and I could not rest in my Grave without communicating to you the inclosed Acrostic, and (as *Hamlet* says) you may take the *GHOST's* Word for a Thousand Pounds.

Yours in the Spirit,

BOS. PENLEZ.

St. Clement's Church-Yard,

November 28, 1749.

N. B. 78 Voters in Scotland Yard. Query if to be allow'd?

G R O A N S.

Of some present Proceedings before the House of the LORD.

Truant to thy promis'd Trust;

Rebel daring where thou durst;

Eager to promote French Strollers,

None but Polltroons are thy Pollers;

Tribes of Nose-led Clerks, and Placemen,

Hackney Voters (Bribes disgrace Men)

All for-swear thro' thick and thin,

Meanness theirs, but thine the Sin.

St. Clement's Church-Yard,

Nov. 28. 1749.

Bos. PENLEZ.

To

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

A True Copy of a Letter sent to an Inhabitant of *Covent-Garden*, who thought Himself at Liberty, (though a Tenant to the ----- to *Vote*, according to *His own Conscience*; which having done, Received the following, *viz.*

" **I** Hereby give you Notice, that you are to quit the House
 " you Rent of his ----- situate in *Bedford-*
 " *Street*, in the Parish of *St. Paul, Covent-Garden*, at *Lady-*
 " *Day* next, or to pay ----- *Seventy-two Pounds a Year*
 " for the same, from that Time."

Dated Nov. 29. 1749.

R. B-----R.

Note, *The Tenant now pays Thirty-six Pounds per Annum ; and because his Vote and Interest has been in Favour of Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT, his Rent is to be doubled.*

REASONS for Voting for Lord T-----.

I. **B**ecause he is a Young Nobleman of great Family and Fortune, of unblemished Honour, and a known Friend to our present happy Constitution.

II. Because every honest Man ought to detest a Cause which hath been supported by the rankest Falshoods and Perjuries.

III. Because no Man can give any Reason for voting for Sir G. V-----, which is not founded on those Falshoods and Perjuries.

ON BOSAVERN PENLEZ.

By an Honest Elector of Westminster.

UNfortunate Fellow he dyed ;
Lamented by All that is Good ;
No Female in London but cryed,
Excepting the Daughters of Wood.

WHEREAS it has been maliciously reported, in
order to impose on my Countrywomen, and
prejudice me in their Favour, that I was seen at the
Haymarket Theatre, the first Night of the *French*
Play ; I swear by my Beard, that I was not there,
either that or any other Night of their Performance.

Peggy W--f--n.
See As you like it, Act I. Scene IV.

Stuck on the Church Pillars, near the Hustings.

ST. George for England,
L--d T-----m for France,
Honi Soit qui Mal y Pense.

To the Worthy Electors of *Westminster.*

GENTLEMEN,

I Am a Voter for *Westminster*, and should be glad to give my Vote for the worthiest Candidate, but I must be greatly determined in my Choice, by having an Answer to the two following *Queries*, stated upon a plain Fact.

The Church of every Parish is undoubtedly, by Law, committed to the Care of the Church-Warden for the Time being. Every Intrusion upon his Office is certainly illegal, and every Violence offered to personal Liberty ought to be resented with Indignation by every Man who wears the Name of an *Englishman*. My Questions therefore are,

Whether a Set of Justices, openly in the Interest of Sir *George Vernon*, did not upon the 20th Day of this Instant, intrude themselves in the Vestry-Room of *Covent Garden Church*, and upon the Church-Warden, enquiring by what Authority they sat there, did not one of those Champions for Liberty actually commit the Church-Warden, and threaten to send him to *Newgate*?

What is to be expected from the future Conduct of a Party who, in their supposed Dawn of Success, can thus arbitrarily trample upon the most sacred Fences of the Protestant Establishment, and the most undoubted Privileges of *Englishmen*.

On a certain Colossal Landlord.

O CANIBAL! to double a Man's Rent,
'Cause 'gainst his Conscience he won't give Assent.
Thus may thy future Acts thy Judgment show,
Till a fam'd SQ-RE, a frightful *Desart* grow.

ARGUS.
Peg

Peg Trim Tram's Sorrowful LAMENTATION.

OH! that I had ne'er subscribed, Mark the People, how they're roused,
 To *French Strollers* as I've done, Like to Lions in their Dens;
 For now altho' I've many br-b-d, Mostly to Sir *George* espoused,
 I am lost sure as a Gun. And asperse me with their Pens.
 I did think my Int'rest greater, More than that, my Fears to face them,
 Than I find it is indeed; Least I should my Breeches foul,
 But Sir *George* does me defeat, Sir, Are so great, since Numbers place them,
 Oh! dear Sirs! my Heart does bleed. For to hiss my drooping Soul.

Hence let none, then, for the future, I got out behind the Church, Sirs,
 Give bold *Britons* gross Affront, From those Numbers to get clear,
 For I've acted like a Brute, Sir, And to leave them in the Lurch, Sirs,
 And forgive me, now they won't. But, alas! they meet me there:
 Now they pay me in my Coin, Sirs, Then with Flouts and Hisses doubled,
 And it grieves me to my Soul, They do storm at me again!
 Ah! was ever Grief like mine, Sirs, Oh! dear Sirs! my Heart is troubled!
 For my Deeds have been most foul. And it quite distracts my Brain.

Poor *Penlez* I might have saved, Now, dear Members, Warning take, Sirs,
 But I did refuse the same, Never for to act like me,
 Tho' it were so justly craved, If you do, your All's at Stake, Sirs,
 By great Numbers of good Fame. *Britons* are for Liberty.
 But, alas! it is too late, Sirs, I cou'd wish, but 'tis too late, Sirs,
 And I can't recall the Time, That it were to do again;
 Which has almost craz'd my Pate, Sirs, Oh! my poor distracted Pate, Sirs,
 For I own it a great Crime. Ah! poor Heart, and troubled Brain.

Printed at the Request of the Generous Electors of *Westminster*, as a Warning-
 Piece to F—ls.

T.

The Under-written is submitted to the Serious Consideration of the Electors of Westminster.

“ **M**OREOVER, among the *Presbyterians*, lay concealed, a certain
 “ Sett of Men, known afterwards by the Name of *INDEPENDENTS*,
 “ who held concerning Civil as well as Ecclesiastical Government, *uncom-*
 “ *mon Opinions*, which they took care not to explain, till they found Occa-
 “ sion to publish them : They were contented for a Time to conceal them-
 “ selves among the *Presbyterians*, in order at a proper Time, to accomplish
 “ their Designs more effectually. It was the particular Interest of these
 “ Men so to manage, that the Government of the State should be changed,
 “ or, rather overthrown, well-knowing their Party could never subsist, but
 “ in Anarchy and Confusion. *Rapin Vol. II. fol. 352.*

“ To execute their Designs, they had at first joined with the *Presbyterians*,
 “ on Pretence of establishing *Presbyterianism*, but in Reality to destroy
 “ the King. And when it was out of the King's Power to hurt them,
 “ they laboured to destroy the same *Presbyterianism* ; for the Establishment
 “ of which, they hae shewn more Zeal than the *Presbyterians* themselves.
 “ *Such were the Views of the INDEPENDENTS. Rapin Vol. II. fol. 546.*

GENTLEMEN,

TH E above Quotations from an Author greatly esteem'd for his Disin-
 terestedness and Impartiality, sufficiently prove, that the Principles of
 the *Independents* have ever tended to introduce Anarchy and Confusion, and
 that to accomplish those Purposes, they have never scrupled to fall in wi h
 any Faction or Party, whose Assistance was necessary to perfect their De-
 signs ; and though the *Independents* of those Days might in some inessential
 Matters vary from those of the present Stamp, yet, upon Enquiry, very lit-
 tle Difference will be found between them.

You will therefore, I hope, now at this critical Conjunction, e'er it be
 too late, exert yourselves so as to quash the present growing Spirit of *Jaco-*
bitism and *Independency*, and thereby Save these Kingdoms from those great
 and worst Scourges of Providence,—*POPERY*, the *INQUISITION*, and
ARBITRARY POWER.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Majority that appeared in my Favour upon the Poll this Day, is not more agreeable to me than the Regularity with which the whole was conducted, agreeable to the Regard which every *British* Subject ought to have to his Majesty's Government, and that Spirit which distinguishes the true Friends of Liberty.

If I should have the good Fortune to succeed on the Election, I should be inexcusable did I not merit your Favour, by a firm Attachment to your Interest, and those of *Great Britain*, and I shall ever be ready to make that the Test of my future Conduct. I am,

GENTLEMEN,

Grosvenor-street,

Dec. 1. 1749.

Your most obliged humble Servant

TRENTHAM.

To the Worthy Electors of the City and Liberty of Westminster.

GENTLEMEN,

I Have the most grateful Sense of your Favours, and I hope you'll continue to support me with your Votes and Interest, and then, notwithstanding the Artifices of Yesterday, have in Appearance reduced our Majority to 44, I doubt not we shall prevail over the Arbitrary Directions of Men in Power, and the fatal Effects of corrupt Influence.—Many honest and unbiass'd Electors have not yet polled, Glorious Opportunity for them to finish triumphantly what their Friends, the Friends of Liberty, have so worthily carried on.—For my own Part, as it is my Duty, so it is my Resolution to use all honest and laudable Endeavours to defeat their pernicious Schemes, and render your Nomination Successful.—Let each Elector, who has already voted, call on his Neighbours that have not, and the Majority of honest Voters will far exceed the Numbers that can be found corruptible.

I remain

Gentlemen,

Dec. 2. 1749.

Your very much Obligated,

And Faithful Humble Servant

GEORGE VINTAGE

WHereas it has been maliciously reported, in order to impose on the worthy Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and to prejudice me in their Opinion at this Time, that I was active in the Proceedings against *Bosavern Penlez*, at the *Old Baily* last Sessions, I do declare, upon my Honour, that I was neither on the Bench nor in the Gallery, nor uttered my Evidence, or made use of any Perjury to condemn or hang any of the Prisoners; nor was I even present at the First and Chief Prosecution; nor have I been at any Trial in that Court since the First Day of the Sessions, as has been falsely suggested.

Pr W—d.
Temple-Bar, Nov. 24, 1749.

To the W^{orthy} Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, especially my dear Friends the honourable Independents:

WHereas I G——E BRANDY-PORT, of *Batavia*, *Fibb* Merchant, do intend to exhibit to View, during the Election for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, Variety of *Dutch* and *Flemish* Drolls, to amuse the Ignorant, and impose upon the Credulous.

First, I shall shew the wonderful *van Davison*, that swallows and disgorges Oaths and Lies, with as much Ease as a *Jack-Pudding* can Fire and Tow. To make him more conspicuous, I shall mount him on a *Grey Horse*, dressed up with *Italian Ribbons* and *white Roses*.

Secondly, You will be amused with the Horrors of a frightful Ghost, held up by *St. Clement* with a Mopstick; which, for want of a proper Name in the *Dutch*, I have called, *An Independent Scare-crow*.

The Whole to conclude with a new *Jacobite Ha! Ha!* call'd

Drawn Swords, *French Strollers*, and *Ten Guinea SUBSCRIBERS*,

Enquire for me at *Van Jaco's*, the Sign of the *Imaginary Crown* and *Broken Anchor*, in the *Strand*; and at the *Fountain of Dissention*, in *Katherine-street*; where my Friends are ready to deprive you of your *Pence* and *Reason*; for which I shall return you my hearty Thanks and *Dutch Services*.

G. BRANDY-PORT.

November 30.

AN extraordinary Adventure happened on Saturday Evening at the upper End of *Brook-street*. As two young Ladies, ardent Zealots, for different Parties, were returning home from *Grosvenor-square*, a Dispute arose, in which some sarcastical Expressions were uttered, to the Disadvantage of the favourite Candidate. The eldest, incapable of brooking so great an Affront, Fury burst from her Imprisonment with her wonted Rage, and with those Female Implements of War vulgarly called Nails, rushed upon her Companion, endeavouring to disfigure those Parts of her fair Antagonist which are the Seat of ogling, which by a lucky Activity, or Intervention of some Deity, were so well defended as to prevent any more fatal Consequence than a slight Scratch on the left Temple: This Effort proving unsuccessful, she proceeded to deprive her of those Ornaments which adorn the Head; this answered her most sanguine Expectations, and was performed so effectually, that quick as Thought they were grasped in one Hand, and with all the haughty Disdain of a proud Victor, flung into the Kennel. The other's Spirits by this Time highly agitated and fired with Revenge, had almost retaliated, when a Gentleman passing by, providentially performed the Office of Mediator, and pacified the two Heroines, Muttering excepted. How happy will W——ster be in either Candidate? The Gentlemen admire them for Magnanimity and Strength of Intellects, or, to use the Expression of B——ke, for that extraordinary Proportion of the Ætherial Spirit with which they are endowed; and the Ladies adore them for their consummate Beauty, graceful and majestick Mien, to such a Degree, as even to commit Hostilities on their account upon each other.

Advertisement.

ANY fine young Lord or pretty Gentleman, who is inclined to change his Seat in Parliament for one at the French Play-House, may enquire at the Sign of the *Blunderbuss* in the Hay Market, for *Tom Needle*. The Seat is so very warm, that even Mr. Fribble may venture into it without taking Cold.

November 30

1705

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

GENTLEMEN,

THE warm, yet decent, Zeal you expressed, both by your Conduct and Behaviour, in my Favour last Saturday, has gained me an indisputable Majority upon the Whole of the Poll, and claims the utmost Returns of my Gratitude.

Nothing but the Sense of my own Innocency, under many cruel, causeless, Imputations, and my being conscious, that, in whatever Situation of Life I am placed, my whole Aim shall be to serve the Cause of Liberty, could prevail with me, again, in the most earnest Manner, to beg the Continuance of that Spirit which has already done you so much Honour, and by which alone the Protestant Establishment in his Majesty's Person and Family can be secured and supported. My future Conduct shall indicate my Character, and speak my Thanks to you, I hope, in a more proper and effectual Manner than any present Assurance that can come from

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient,

Most obliged humble Servant,

To the Worthy Electors of the City and Liberty of Westminster.

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I remain,

Gentlemen,

Your very much Obliged,

And Faithful Humble Servant,

GEORGE V———T.

*To the Worthy Electors of the City and Liberty of
Westminster.*

GENTLEMEN,

WE have lately had an Instance of the laudable Behaviour of our worthy Merchants of the City of London, to support the Credit of the Nation, at a Time when our *ALL* was at Stake.

Why should not the same Spirit subsist amongst the worthy Electors of Westminster, when your Liberty is in danger?

I am strongly convinced of the good Intentions of those worthy Electors in the Interest of Sir GEORGE V———T, who have now an Opportunity of returning the Favour the Merchants were so justly applauded for, in the Interest of their King and Country. Consider with yourselves how readily those Gentlemen subscribed their Names to the Support of this great Metropolis at that Time; therefore now prove yourselves to have a just Sense of Liberty and Property, and your Names will be recorded in the Annals of Time,

Yours,

A Free Voter.

FIGURES *exhibited during the Election.*

A Large white Standard carried at the head of a great Number of Electors, with this Inscription. **UNITED FOR OUR COUNTRY. NO FRENCH STROLLERS.**

A Person carried about, in a Coffin dress'd in a Shroud, attended by a Number of Lights, &c. designed to represent *Penlez* who was Executed for the Riot at the Bawdy-house in the *Strand*; who frequently sat up and harangued the Populace for his unhappy Fate, &c.

A Skeleton, carried about, signifying that of *Common Sense*, kill'd the first Night the *French Players* Acted in the *Hay-Market*.

N. B. This COLLECTION may be depended on to be Genuine; and whatever is made publick hereafter on this extraordinary Election, shall be printed by way of Appendix.



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